

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MATTHEW SORENSEN, an individual,

**Plaintiff,**

V.

CPC SPECIAL LOGISTICS WEST, LLC, a Washington corporation, and LARRY KELLER, an individual.

### Defendants.

Case No. 2:18-cv-00446-BAT

## **STIPULATED MOTION AND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

## I. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection may be warranted. Accordingly, Matthew Sorensen (“plaintiff”), CPC Special Logistics West, LLC, and Larry Keller (collectively, “CPC”) hereby stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with LCR 26(c). It does not confer blanket protection on all disclosures or responses to discovery; the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles, and it does not presumptively entitle parties to file confidential information under seal.

## **II. "CONFIDENTIAL" MATERIAL**

“Confidential” material shall include the following documents and tangible things produced or otherwise exchanged:

- Medical information;
- Plaintiff's financial information, including tax returns;
- Sensitive employee information;
- Confidential and/or proprietary employee and employer communications, including, but not limited to, business plans or strategies, employee handbooks, and training information.

The parties recognize that the course of discovery may reveal additional categories of documents that should be identified as “Confidential” material. In such an event, the parties shall make reasonable and good faith efforts to agree to supplement the categories identified in this section by filing with the Court an appropriately tailored stipulation. In the event the parties are unable to reach agreement, nothing herein shall preclude a party from filing a motion for protective order pursuant to applicable rules.

“Attorneys’ Eyes Only” material shall include the personally identifiable information of CPC employees other than the named plaintiff. In addition, the parties may agree to designate any other “Confidential” material as Attorney’s Eyes Only.

### III. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this agreement cover not only Confidential material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from confidential material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of confidential material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their counsel that might reveal confidential material, including deposition testimony. However, the protections conferred by this agreement do not cover information that is in the public domain or becomes part of the public domain through trial or otherwise.

1                   **IV. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

2               **1. Basic Principles.** A receiving party may use Confidential material that is  
3 disclosed or produced by another party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for  
4 prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Confidential material may be  
5 disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this agreement.  
6 Confidential material must be stored and maintained by a receiving party at a location and in a  
7 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this agreement.

8               **2. Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items.** Unless otherwise  
9 ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the designating party, a receiving party may  
10 disclose any Confidential material only to:

11               (a) the receiving party’s counsel of record in this action, as well as employees of  
12 counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation;

13               (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including in house counsel) of the  
14 receiving party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation, unless a document  
15 is designated as Attorney’s Eyes Only;

16               (c) experts and consultants (including, but not limited to, mock jurors, focus group  
17 members, independent auditors, accountants, statisticians, and economists) to whom disclosure  
18 is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and  
19 Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

20               (d) the court, court personnel, and court reporters and their staff;

21               (e) copy or imaging services retained by counsel to assist in the duplication of  
22 Confidential material, provided that counsel for the party retaining the copy or imaging service  
23 instructs the service not to disclose any Confidential material to third parties and to immediately  
24 return all originals and copies of any Confidential material;

25               (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably  
26 necessary, and their counsel, and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be

1 "Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the designating party or ordered by the Court.  
2 Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal confidential  
3 material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone  
4 except as permitted under this agreement;

5 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or  
6 other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information; and

(h) any mediator or other person jointly enlisted by the parties to negotiate settlement discussion.

9           **3. Filing Confidential Material.** Before filing Confidential material or discussing  
10 or referencing such material in court filings, the filing party shall confer with the designating  
11 party to determine whether the designating party will remove the Confidential designation,  
12 whether the document can be redacted, or whether a motion to seal or stipulation and proposed  
13 order is warranted. Local Civil Rule 5(g) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the  
14 standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under  
15 seal.

## **V. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

17       **1. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.** Each  
18 party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this agreement must  
19 take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
20 standards. The designating party must designate for protection only those parts of material,  
21 documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify, so that other portions of the  
22 material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not  
23 swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this agreement.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or delay the case development process or to impose unnecessary

1 expenses and burdens on other parties) expose the designating party to sanctions.

2        If it comes to a designating party's attention that information or items that it designated  
3 for protection do not qualify for protection, the designating party must promptly notify all other  
4 parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

5        **2. Manner and Timing of Designations.** Except as otherwise provided in this  
6 agreement (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or  
7 ordered, disclosure of discovery material that qualifies for protection under this agreement must  
8 be clearly so designated before or when the material is disclosed or produced.

9            (a)      Information in documentary form: (e.g., paper or electronic documents and  
10 deposition exhibits, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings),  
11 the designating party must affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains  
12 Confidential material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for  
13 protection, the producing party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making  
14 appropriate markings in the margins). If a CD or other disk, or an electronic file or database,  
15 contains documents designated as "CONFIDENTIAL," the producing party at the time of  
16 production shall affix the word "CONFIDENTIAL" to the label of such CD or other disk, or the  
17 name of the electronic file.

18            (b)      Testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings: the parties  
19 must identify on the record, during the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected  
20 testimony, without prejudice to their right to so designate other testimony after reviewing the  
21 transcript. Any party or non-party may, within fifteen days after receiving a deposition transcript,  
22 designate portions of the transcript, or exhibits thereto, as Confidential.

23            (c)      Other tangible items: the producing party must affix in a prominent place on the  
24 exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is stored the word  
25 "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection,  
26 the producing party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

1           **3. Inadvertent Failures to Designate.** If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to  
2 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the designating party's  
3 right to secure protection under this agreement for such material. Upon timely correction of a  
4 designation, the receiving party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the material is treated  
5 in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, including by endeavoring to retrieve  
6 documents distributed to persons not identified in paragraph 4.2, and, upon receipt of the  
7 substitute documents, promptly returning or destroying the improperly-designated document(s)  
8 and/or the electronic media on which such document(s) reside.

9           **VI. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

10          **1. Timing of Challenges.** Any party or non-party may challenge a designation of  
11 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a designating party's confidentiality  
12 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic  
13 burdens, or a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a party does not waive its right to  
14 challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the  
15 original designation is disclosed.

16          **2. Meet and Confer.** The parties must make every attempt to resolve any dispute  
17 regarding Confidential designations without court involvement. Any motion regarding  
18 Confidential designations or for a protective order must include a certification, in the motion or  
19 in a declaration or affidavit, that the movant has engaged in a good faith meet and confer  
20 conference with other affected parties in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action.  
21 The certification must list the date, manner, and participants to the conference. A good faith  
22 effort to confer requires a face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference.

23          **3. Judicial Intervention.** If the parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
24 intervention, the designating party may file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under  
25 Local Civil Rule 7 (and in compliance with Local Civil Rule 5(g), if applicable). The burden of  
26 persuasion in any such motion shall be on the designating party. Frivolous challenges, and those

1 made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on  
2 other parties) may expose the challenging party to sanctions. All parties shall continue to  
3 maintain the material in question as Confidential until the court rules on the challenge.

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**VII. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN  
5 OTHER LITIGATION**

6 If a party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
7 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL," that party  
8 must:

9 (a) promptly notify the designating party in writing and include a copy of the  
10 subpoena or court order;

11 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in  
12 the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to  
13 this agreement. Such notification shall include a copy of this agreement; and

14 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the  
15 designating party whose Confidential material may be affected.

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**VIII. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

17 If a receiving party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Confidential  
18 material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this agreement, the receiving  
19 party must immediately (a) notify in writing the designating party of the unauthorized  
20 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the protected material,  
21 (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of  
22 this agreement, and (d) request that such person or persons execute the "Acknowledgment and  
23 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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**IX. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE  
25 PROTECTED MATERIAL**

26 Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d), the production of privileged or work-

1 product protected documents, electronically stored information (“ESI”) or information, whether  
2 inadvertent or otherwise, is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case  
3 or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the  
4 maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d).

5 Nothing in this order is intended to or shall serve to limit a party’s right to conduct a  
6 review of documents, ESI, or information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness,  
7 and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production.

8                           **X. THIRD PARTY DISCOVERY**

9                           To the extent that material is sought and obtained from a third party, such third-party shall  
10 have the right to designate any such material as “CONFIDENTIAL” as provided herein, and the  
11 use of such material by the parties shall be governed in all respects by the terms of this Stipulated  
12 Protective Order.

13                           Because third-parties may possess plaintiff’s or CPC’s Confidential and/or privileged  
14 documents, the parties agree that it may be necessary to review documents requested from third-  
15 parties before such documents are produced. Accordingly, the parties agree that within 5 days  
16 after a party receives notice that a discovery request has been served on a third party, a party  
17 wishing to review the requested documents prior to production will contact opposing counsel as  
18 well as the third-party on which the request was served and inform them of the party’s desire to  
19 review the requested documents before production. The parties agree that if one of the parties  
20 wishes to review documents being produced by a third party, counsel for plaintiff and CPC will  
21 meet and confer and agree upon a reasonable amount of time in which to conduct the review.  
22 The parties further agree that requests to review documents possessed by third-parties will only  
23 be made if the requesting party has a reasonable belief that the documents sought could contain  
24 Confidential and/or privileged material.

25                           **XI. RELIEF FROM PROTECTIVE ORDER**

26                           Any party may apply to the Court for a modification of the Protective Order, and nothing

1 in this Protective Order shall be construed to prevent a party from seeking such further provisions  
2 enhancing or limiting confidentiality as may be appropriate.

3                   **XII. NON-TERMINATION AND RETURN OF DOCUMENTS**

4                 Within 60 days after the termination of this action, including all appeals, each receiving  
5 party must return all Confidential material to the producing party, including all copies, extracts  
6 and summaries thereof. Alternatively, the parties may agree upon appropriate methods of  
7 destruction. When counsel for a party returns or destroys documents, that counsel shall certify  
8 in writing that to the best of his or her knowledge, all such documents have been returned or  
9 destroyed.

10               Notwithstanding this provision, counsel are entitled to retain one archival copy of all  
11 documents filed with the court, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, correspondence,  
12 deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert  
13 work product, even if such materials contain confidential material. Nothing in this paragraph  
14 shall require the destruction of electronic copies created pursuant to standard archival and back-  
15 up procedures.

16               The confidentiality obligations imposed by this agreement shall remain in effect  
17 (including after the conclusion of this action and any appeals) until a designating party agrees  
18 otherwise in writing or a court orders otherwise.

19               **STIPULATED** this 5th day of September, 2018.

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## ORDER

IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2018.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
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## **EXHIBIT A**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_

5 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and  
6 understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for  
7 the Western District of Washington in the case of *Sorensen v. CPC Special Logistics West, LLC,*  
8 *et al.*, 18-cv-00446. I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated  
9 Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me  
10 to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose  
11 in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any  
12 person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

13 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the  
14 Western District of Washington for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated  
15 Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

16 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
17 City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
18 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
19 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_